

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus ~~having~~ comprising:
a first ~~insertion/removal portion~~ recording medium reading portion capable
of ~~inserting/removing a first recording medium and at least~~ reading out electronic
information from the ~~inserted~~ first recording medium[[.]];

a second ~~insertion/removal portion~~ recording medium reading/writing
portion capable of ~~inserting/removing a second recording medium and~~ reading out
and writing electronic information from and in the ~~inserted~~ second recording
medium, the second recording medium reading/writing portion being coupled to
the first recording medium reading portion so as to be able to exchange electronic
information; and

an operating member which starts recording by the second recording
medium reading/writing portion of the electronic information outputted by the
first recording medium reading portion; is connected to the first and second
insertion/removal portions so as to be able to exchange electronic information and
starts an operation of reading out electronic information recorded on the first
recording medium and writing the electronic information in the second recording
medium, comprising:

first control means for controlling the first ~~insertion/removal~~ recording
medium reading portion;

a cache which stocks electronic information to be written in the second
recording medium before the electronic information is written in the second
recording medium; and

second control means for ~~transferring~~ exchanging electronic information ~~to
said~~ with the first control means via predetermined interface means and

controlling the second ~~insertion/removal~~ recording medium reading/writing portion and ~~said the~~ cache[.];

wherein ~~said the~~ first control means reads out electronic information from the first recording medium ~~inserted-in~~ with the first ~~insertion/removal~~ recording medium reading portion in accordance with an operation ~~to~~ of the operating member and transmits the read out electronic information to ~~said the~~ second control means together with a first command to request ~~write~~ writing of the read out electronic information in the second recording medium[.];

wherein ~~said the~~ second control means stocks in ~~said the~~ cache a plurality of the first commands and the respective electronic information associated therewith which has ~~have~~ been transmitted from ~~said the~~ first control means, and writes in the second recording medium the electronic information stocked in the cache by executing the plurality of first commands in the order in which they were stocked; ~~executes the first command in a stock order to record the electronic information on the second recording medium;~~

wherein ~~said the~~ first control means transmits a second command which is different from the first command, and to which the second control means responds with a predetermined command, after transmitting to the second control means all ~~pieces of~~ electronic information to be ~~recorded~~ written in the second recording medium ~~to said the second control means[.];~~ and

wherein ~~said the~~ first control means determines that transfer of the ~~pieces~~ of electronic information from the first recording medium to the second recording medium has been completed when a response to the second command is sent back from ~~said the~~ second control means to the first control means.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising expression means for expressing completion of transfer from the first recording medium to the second recording medium.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the expression means includes a display device, and expression operation includes transfer of a visual message to a user.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The information processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the display device includes a monitor which displays a message.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The information processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the display device includes an LED.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the expression means includes a sound generating device, and expression operation includes transfer of an auditory message to a user.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the sound generating device includes a loudspeaker.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein removal of the second recording medium is permitted in accordance with an end of transfer from the first recording medium to the second recording medium.

9. (New) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first recording medium reading portion is a first insertion/removal portion capable of

inserting/removing the first recoding medium and reading out electronic information from the inserted first recording medium; and

wherein the second recording medium reading/writing portion is a second insertion/removal portion capable of inserting/removing the second recording medium and reading out and writing electronic information from and in the inserted second recoding medium.